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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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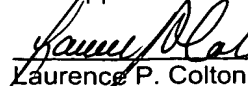
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Sir:

Prior to conducting the continued examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following discussion.

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STATUS

Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-21 currently are pending in the patent application.

Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-21 have been rejected in a final Office Action.

Applicant is filing the enclosed Request for Continued Examination as a proper response to a final rejection. No responses or amendments after final rejection have been made.

EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

A separate Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to Respond to the outstanding final Office Action und 37 CFR 1.136(a) along with the appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) is enclosed with the Request for Continued Examination and this Preliminary Amendment.